

U. S. TO TRY TO BAR HUERTA ON HIS ARRIVAL AT NEW YORK

State Department Looking Up Precedents in Effort to Refuse Him Admittance on Saturday.

Administration Would Attempt to Prove Former Mexican Dictator Wishes to Start New Revolt.

Victoriano Huerta, former president and dictator of Mexico, may find the gates of New York harbor closed to him, when the steamer Antonio Lopez, which is bringing him to this country from his place of exile in Spain, reaches that port on Saturday.

Although Secretary of State Bryan refused today to discuss the unwelcome visit of the man whom President Wilson drove from Mexico as the cause of all the trouble in that republic, it was learned today that other officials of the State Department have been looking up precedents to see whether Huerta can be refused admittance into the United States.

HERE AS REBEL?

Should the department decide to act, and the President approve the idea of directing the port officials to admit Huerta, it is understood that the Administration will attempt to prove that Huerta is the cause of the Mexican revolution in coming to the United States to organize a counter revolution in Mexico. The situation recalls that which confronted the Administration during the Taft Administration in its unsuccessful efforts to keep out General Castro, the "army" leader, who was admitted to the United States, and who, under the provision of the constitution, prohibited the exclusion of political refugees, he had to be admitted. And Castro was in Washington at the inauguration of President Wilson.

In the light of this case, it is thought probable that the Administration decided to exclude Huerta, would proceed with extreme caution. In any event he will be kept under strict surveillance while in this country.

Meantime the Administration has struck another snag in Mexico. The heads of the Mexican faction, Secretary Bryan admitted today, have rejected the

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BRYAN'S "DRY" PLEA AROUSSES POLITICIANS

His Advice to Committeemen Accentuates Prohibition Issue in Congress.

Secretary of State Bryan was overwhelmed with inquiries today concerning the letter he sent to Democratic Committeemen Kennington, in Iowa, in favor of choosing a "dry" national committeeman there, and the statement which he has given out in connection with the letter.

It is apparent the letter and statement has stirred up all kinds of political discussion within and without the Democratic party. It has accentuated the differences of opinion within the Democratic party on the prohibition issue, and within Administration circles. It has raised into greater prominence than ever the question whether either of the leading parties will take up with national prohibition in 1916.

That it will make the prohibition issue more acute in Congress is clear. More over, many Democratic leaders do not like the idea of Bryan giving advice to the effect that "dry" national committeemen and other officials should be chosen where the liquor question is made an issue.

It became known today that Senator Kern, Democratic leader of the Senate, would call on Secretary Bryan to enter his State some months hence and aid him in a struggle he will make to overthrow the Taggart machine. It is well known that the machine of Tom Taggart, which has long dominated the Democratic party in Indiana, is allied with the liquor interests.

'Never Wished To Wed,' He Wrote Mrs. McNabb

Letters Read to Court in \$500,000 Heart Balm Suit Show John S. Kinney Repudiated Alleged Marriage Contract.

Letters read today in the trial of the \$500,000 breach of promise suit in which John S. Kinney, seventy-eight-year-old millionaire mine owner, and Mrs. Ida M. McNabb, thirty-seven years old, are the principals, showed that the aged man repudiated the alleged marriage contract on August 10, 1912, and informed the widow that he "never wished to marry," and accused her of "pursuing" him with her attention.

"You pursued me with your attentions and after a superficial acquaintance procured my signature to that contract," wrote the millionaire from Buffalo, N. Y., under date of August 10, 1912. He added that it was apparent that "it was a strictly business matter" with her, and that she had been "aided and abetted" by lawyers.

PICTURED IN HIS LONELY LIFE.

"Your letter was, indeed, a shock—I believed you were honest and a gentleman," was contained in Mrs. McNabb's letter in reply. "You pictured to me your lonely life, and I promised to make a kind and loving wife to you."

According to Mrs. McNabb's letter, dated August 18, 1912, which was read today, the date of the marriage was set for August 5, 1912, and she had given up her position as superintendent of Good Will Farm, an institution for boys in Michigan.

"I had let this man rob me of what I was able to do for my three children—to take the bread and butter from them," said Mrs. McNabb in a tremulous voice in reply to a question as to how she felt when she received Mr. Kinney's letter repudiating the alleged marriage agreement.

"Send me that diamond ring, you remember, I lent you," wrote the millionaire to Mrs. McNabb in a letter under date of September 12, 1912. He also directed that she send him the copy of the marriage contract with the words "null and void" written on it by her.

Prepared for Fight.

In reply to an intimation that he would be sued for alleged breach of promise, he stated "I'll meet you half way with the brightest lawyer in the United States," and added that he would fight any litigation to the limit. Mrs. McNabb testified that in her opinion, Mr. Kinney did not write the letter of August 10, in which he declared he "never wished to marry." "I thought if he did write it he had not treated me with his best life of competition up to that time," she said. Mrs. McNabb was under direct examination when the trial resumed this forenoon. She identified the letters exchanged between herself and Mr. Kinney. Some of the missives were couched in endearing language, while others were filled with reproaches by the widow against the millionaire. Mr. Kinney took advantage of the opportunity to state that the letters were "null and void."

"Darling," is one endearing term used

Home of Pretty Girls Here, Contest Proves

Photographs Sent In to Beauty Editor of The Times Assure Hard Time for Judge Who Must Pick Winner.

As the beauty contest sponsored by The Times enters its second week it is apparent from the photographs of candidates received that the judges will have no easy task in determining who is entitled to go free of expense to the San Francisco and San Diego exhibitions.

The photographs of Washington beauties are coming in in increasing numbers and even a cursory examination reveals that there is reason for the claim that "this is a town of beautiful women."

"I know a girl who will win over them all," confidently writes an admirer, who says he intends to submit an enlarged photograph of his favorite. This reminds the Beauty Editor that the photographs which are being received daily by The Times are of various kinds and sizes. One of the pictures submitted was a ping-pong, no larger than a dime; another photograph came on a postal card, another was of regulation size and still another

was a large picture, handsomely framed, and almost too big to set into the desk where the collection is being kept until ready for submission to the judges.

While no photograph is barred from the contest, it is suggested that the nominators of candidates for the journey to California should send in pictures which do justice to the originals. The clearer and more natural the photograph the better for the candidate and the judges.

Realizing that there may be a situation where a candidate has no recent photograph, or one that does complete justice, The Times is perfecting arrangements whereby such candidates may pose especially for the contest. The details of this arrangement will be announced later.

The beauty contest now has only about one month to run, and early in May the names of the winners will be announced. The contest will be turned over to the body of men and women drawn from the artistic circles of Washington, who will act as judges and select the girl is entitled to the free trip. The winner will see the Golden West at its best.

She will view the valleys of the Pacific Coast, the big trees of California, the Grand Canyon, the scenic beauties of the Rockies, the wonders of the San Francisco and San Diego exhibitions, held in celebration of the opening of the Panama canal.

The slide journey to Universal City will be one of the attractions of this wonderful trip. Universal City is called the "capital of 'Hollywood' for the entire city is devoted to the production of moving picture plays.

CHANGE SURE IN METHOD OF BUYING POLICE CLOTHES HERE

Shake-Up May Follow Investigation Into Contract Scandal in the Police Department Commissioners Announce.

No Statement Will Be Made, However, Until Report of Probe Committee Is Studied By Authorities.

While the Commissioners would not discuss their probable action in regard to the investigation into the purchase of policemen's uniforms, the general opinion among the District officials today was that a shake-up in the department is not unlikely.

It is certain that there will be a change in the method of awarding contracts for the policemen's uniforms, according to Commissioner Brownlow.

This was decided upon as the result of an investigation by a committee, consisting of Capt. Roger G. Powell, assistant engineer commissioner; Daniel J. Donovan, deputy auditor, and Roger G. Whitford, assistant corporation counsel, a report on which will be in the hands of the Commissioners tomorrow.

REFUSE TO TALK.

Whether there will be any change in personnel as the result of the inquiry is a question the Commissioners will not discuss until they have reviewed the report.

"It can be stated," said Commissioner Brownlow, "that no such method of awarding contracts as the one which has been the custom in the Police Department, will be permitted in any department over which I have jurisdiction."

A meeting of the merchant tailors' association will be held tomorrow night, to consider the report of the committee on the contract for furnishing policemen's uniforms in Washington.

Charles E. Hubbard, secretary of the association, said today that Washington merchants feel that they should at least be given the opportunity to bid on the contract which has been awarded for the last nine years to a Cincinnati firm.

Not Given a Chance.

An inquiry was ordered by Commissioner Brownlow following the award of the contract to the Cincinnati firm without giving other establishments an opportunity to submit bids.

Statements were obtained behind doors from the inspectors and captains composing the purchasing committee, and a report of the committee was made for submission to the Commissioners.

The general statement of the purchasing committee in regard to the award, it was said, is that the material furnished by the contractors had proved satisfactory, and was as good as can be obtained in the open market at the same price.

It is understood that the investigating committee obtained from other sources the statement that the Washington policemen had to pay \$9 and \$10 for the same grade of overcoats sold in other cities.

Under the statute policemen must pay for their uniforms. In 1890 the attorney for the District decided in view of this fact, that the Commissioners could not oblige members of the force to buy from a given firm. Since that time the purchase of uniforms has been in the hands of a committee of officials of the Police Department.

Bethlehem Steel Jumps 14 Points

General Motors, Another Non-Dividend Paying Stock, Soars to 143 on N. Y. Change.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Bethlehem Steel common and General Motors, two non-dividend paying stocks that for several weeks have been the center of widespread interest attracted by the rather sensational advances recorded in the stock market, featured today's trading. Bethlehem Steel sold up to 101½, an advance of fourteen full points above yesterday's closing prices, and General Motors recorded a gain of 8½ points, selling at 143.

WEDGE AT ST. MIHIEL YIELDS UNDER SHELLING BY FRENCH



Course of operations from the Meuse to the Moselle, where the French are developing a violent offensive to force the Germans to abandon their strong position at St. Mihiel.

ORDERS DELAYING EITEL'S TRANSFER

Officers at Norfolk Await Instructions Before Taking Boat to Navy Yard.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 8.—Following the internment of the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich here was only delayed today pending full instructions from the Navy Department concerning the disposition to be made of the craft.

Admiral Helm of the battleship Alabama, had telegraphed to Washington for instructions. Until they reach him, the Eitel was ordered to remain in its present position.

Captain of Eitel Will Be Paroled; Shore Leave For Crew Under Guard

Following the internment of the Eitel at the Norfolk navy yard, to which point the vessel has been ordered, Secretary of the Navy Daniels today said Captain Thierichens and the crew of the German ship will be paroled and the crew will be given shore leave under guard. Captain Thierichens will be allowed to visit Washington and other places if he promises to respect neutrality.

After the internment of the vessel at the Norfolk navy yard the Navy Department will take jurisdiction, and Rear Admiral Beatty, commandant at Norfolk, will be in charge of the Eitel. Officials were relieved today at the internment of the German vessel, as there had been a feeling of uncertainty and responsibility from the time the Eitel limped into port at Newport News March 31.

EIGHT SHIPS IN PERIL OFF DIAMOND SHOALS

Coast Guard Rushes Aid to Wrecks on Stormy Shores of North Carolina.

The coast guard service today ordered every available cutter south of Boston to Diamond Shoals, N. C., at full speed to aid eight vessels wrecked off that point. Of the distressed craft one was the schooner Alice Murphy, formerly the Melissa Willey, of Thomaston, Me.; ashore and capsized. A second was the schooner Lizzie B. Willey, also of Thomaston, aground and waterlogged. Two unidentified vessels were stranded, bottom up.

RUMOR GERMAN PLAN TO INVADE HOLLAND

Dispatches Presage Break, Following Dutch Demand on Berlin.

LONDON, April 8.—Startling reports that both Germany and Holland were quietly massing troops along the Dutch-Belgian frontier, coupled with almost incredible rumors that Germany was about to invade Holland, reached London today from English sources at The Hague, Amsterdam and other Dutch cities.

For obvious reasons the London papers laid great stress upon these reports. In neutral quarters it was said that, while public opinion in the Netherlands undoubtedly is becoming more concerned over reported German attacks on Dutch shipping, no situation exists to warrant the belief in any possible open break.

It was pointed out that Holland is almost equally incensed over the restrictions laid by the British blockade of Germany.

Guns Along Frontier.

Several Amsterdam dispatches to London news agencies reported the Germans massing landsturm regiments and cavalry along the Belgian-Dutch border.

One dispatch reported the Kaiser's troops were intrenching on a line leading northward from Antwerp, and that part of the guns of Antwerp had been dismantled and transported to strategic positions near the frontier of Holland.

From The Hague came other advices from English sources saying that for the past fortnight southern posts near Belgium, have been quietly re-inforced with men and artillery. The Dutch regular army of 250,000 was reported to be fully armed and prepared for any emergency.

Among diplomats it is said that Holland has requested Germany for a full explanation of the recent seizure of Dutch boats bound for England with food cargoes. The Netherlands government is awaiting an answer to this note, and while some irritation exists, private advices discredit today's reports that public opinion in Holland is becoming inflamed.

Contradictory rumors regarding the Austro-Italian situation were received. The report that Austria had today signed a neutrality pact with Italy in return for Italian neutrality was revived.

On the other hand, British papers printed a dispatch purporting to come from the Italian frontier, asserting that the Italian fleet is being concentrated toward the Adriatic.

Britons Celebrate Albert's Birthday

Ceremonies Held in Recognition of Belgian Monarch's Heroic Stand Against Germans.

LONDON, April 8.—The fortieth birthday of King Albert of Belgium was celebrated in London today with unusual ceremonies in recognition of the Belgian monarch's heroic stand against the Germans.

GREAT BATTLE RAGES BETWEEN MEUSE AND MOSELLE

Determined Effort to Capture Railway Near Pont-a-Mousson Being Made.

SEVEN POINTS ARE ASSAILED

Heavy Cannonading Resumed From Rheims to Coast by Allied Artillery.

PARIS, April 8.—French guns are again raining shells at long range upon St. Mihiel, while a great battle is raging north and south of the German salient.

Paris is filled with rumors of most important developments, but the war office today withholds almost all news of the fighting.

"We have maintained all gains between the Meuse and the Moselle with some further progress," was the substance of this afternoon's official communique.

Dispatches received here indicate that the most serious efforts against the German wedge are being made east of St. Mihiel and northwest of Pont-a-Mousson.

RAILWAY THE OBJECTIVE.

In the latter region, the objective of the French is the railway that forms practically the only effective means of transporting supplies to the Germans holding the important St. Mihiel wedge.

A rainy spell that interfered with operations near the seacoast has passed away.

Violent cannonading all along the line from Rheims to the seacoast was reported in unofficial dispatches to Paris this afternoon.

According to a dispatch from Havre the German detachments driven out of Drel Grachten fled across the Yser in disorder, abandoning machine guns and ammunition. This statement was given out by the Belgian war office. The western side of the Yser is now completely cleared of Germans.

French Assaults at Seven Points Called Reckless by Berlin

BERLIN, April 8 (by wireless to London).—Renewing their fierce onslaughts between the Meuse and the Moselle, the French are leaving great heaps of corpses in the wooded regions, according to dispatches from the front today.

An official statement from the war office this afternoon described the French losses as "enormous." The war office added that the enemy's assaults are continuing "without the slightest discomfiture."

At seven different points between St. Mihiel, Etain, and Pont-a-Mousson, the French are attacking savagely. They are spending lives recklessly in assaults against the German fortifications north of St. Mihiel, prepared months ago and almost unconquerable except by heavy artillery.

Despite the loss of two battalions in the Cambrai Heights fighting, the enemy has renewed the offensive at this point and is sacrificing more soldiers in head-on rushes up the hills. In the Alby forest, west of the Apremont woods, a desperate battle is going on.

A French aviator who had just come from Paris, and was forced to descend within the German lines, reported that the French losses in the Champagne fighting a few weeks ago, have been kept a secret by the French war office. The people, he said, had been led to believe that the French won important victories.

The war office announced today a complete lull in the fighting along the eastern battle front, but bad weather making the roads soggy.

Albanian Insurgents Shell Durazzo, Says Dispatch From Berlin

BERLIN (via wireless to London), April 8.—Six thousand Albanian insurgents are attacking the Albanian capital of Durazzo, according to dispatches received here today.

The insurgents are supported by several field pieces and are shelling the city.

One shell is reported to have shattered the house of Enver Pasha, minister of war and of the interior.

Electrician Killed.

GADSDEN, Ala., April 8.—An M. P. person, an electrician of Boston, Mass., was burned to death here at an electrical plant of the Alabama Power Company.